

put the button on his rapier; Blackwell never knew when to take it off. Blackwell had to resign his place, as in a very short time the Frankenstein which Lane had called up was too powerful to be controlled by his appeals to reason, judgment, and patience. There was no room for a Frankenstein and a Blackwell in the same field. He was succeeded by W. G. Higgs, who inaugurated his reign by heading a procession of unemployed in Brisbane, which marched through its streets menacing order and the Government. There was then no particular need for a Frankenstein to walk about in the flesh. Mr. Higgs subsequently became an Alderman of the City, a member of the State Parliament, and after Federation a Queensland representative in the newly created Senate, and its Chairman of Committees.

Under the régime of W. G. Higgs and his successors, *The Worker* became a mere sheet of personal invectives. There was only one question and one side of it in its judgment. Lane and Blackwell, within available limits of their journal, while never presenting the details, frequently presented the points both of the other side and the other view. It sometimes happened that, under judicious selection, only the weaker, or the less important issues in the other side's case saw the light and were discussed. But their successors possessed no such nice scruples. Where suppression might not serve, distortion was the invariable and very useful handmaiden.

Socialistic journalism throughout all Australia has passed through all these intermediate stages. Where it cannot in decency distort, it can always suppress an argument and its essential terms.